

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D C 20463

Jean Yang, MD Jean Yang, MD, PC 220 Mineola Boulevard, Suite 1 Mineola, NY 11501

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RE: MUR 5524

Jean Yang, MD, PC

Dear Dr. Yang:

On August 27, 2004, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that Jean Yang, MD, PC violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a), a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed the file in this matter as it pertains to Jean Yang, MD, PC. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is enclosed for your information.

The Commission reminds you that the Act prohibits the making of corporate contributions, and in particular, individual contributions cannot be made using corporate monies or on corporate checks; doing so is a violation of the Act. Jean Yang, MD, PC should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

The Act also requires that while the case is active as to other respondents, the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel G. Pinegar, the staff attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Ellen L. Weintraub

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Vice Chair

Enclosure:

Factual and Legal Analysis

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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION 1 999 E Street, N.W. 2 Washington, D.C. 20463 3 4 FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS 5 6 7 **RESPONDENT:** Jean Yang, MD, PC 8 9 MUR: 5524 10 I. **GENERATION OF MATTER** 11 12 This case was generated based on information ascertained by the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory 13 14 responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2). П. **FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS** 15 Dr. Marilyn O'Grady ran for a U.S. House of Representatives seat in New York's 4th 16 17 Congressional district in 2002. She won her September 10, 2002 primary election, but lost to Carolyn McCarthy in the general election on November 5, 2002. O'Grady's authorized political 18 19 committee was Friends of Marilyn O'Grady ("the Committee"). 20 The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, prohibits a corporation from 21 making any contribution or expenditure, directly or indirectly, in connection with any Federal 22 election. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). This prohibition applies to any type of corporation, including a 23 non-stock corporation, an incorporated membership organization, and an incorporated 24 cooperative. The term "contribution" includes any "direct or indirect payment, distribution, loan, advance, deposit, or gift of money, or any services or anything of value" to any candidate or 25

campaign committee in connection with any Federal election. 2 U.S.C. § 441b(b)(2).

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The Commission authorized an audit of the Committee pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 438(b),

covering the period of January 15, 2002 – December 31, 2002. The Commission approved the

findings of the Final Audit Report on March 22, 2004. The Final Audit Report includes findings

that the Committee received prohibited contributions from different corporate entities. In

5 particular, on July 23, 202, Jean Yang wrote a check for \$100 to the Committee that was drawn

6 on the account of Jean Yang, MD, PC. Jean Yang, MD, PC is a corporation registered as such in

the state of New York. The Committee received and deposited this contribution.

Therefore, there is reason to believe that Jean Yang, MD, PC violated 2 U.S.C.

§ 441b(a) by making a prohibited contribution.